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### **New Faces! Meet LADOT's Active Transportation Team**

The Active Transportation Team is principally responsible for making all transportation modes safe, comfortable, and accessible in Los Angeles. The Active Transportation Department implements Vision Zero safety projects and the Vision Zero education campaign, coordinates with the Great Streets Initiative, designs and maintains bikeways and bike paths, and oversees active transportation related programs like People St program, Open Streets (Ciclaviva), and bike parking. The team recently added 10 new faces to the LADOT family. Welcome!

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### **LADOT Buddy Program Kickoff**

This week, LADOT will be kicking off the second year of the DOTBuddies Program, which will help the many entry-level engineers and planners who recently joined get integrated into the department. New staff will be paired with experienced employees, who will serve as mentors for the coming year and beyond.

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### **Who We Are: Susan Bok, Head of Transit Planning**

As the Head of Transit Planning in the Bureau of Transit Services, Susan Bok works on LADOT's Transit Service Analysis, which proposes expansion to DASH and other transit services. Susan also organizes and reconciles LADOT Transit's vast database and a myriad of data sources in order to better analyze the services.

Susan's attention to detail and creativity in the workplace are exemplified in her Lego renditions of famous LA landmarks. When asked what inspired her to start building Lego models, Susan explains that she pursues the hobby in her husband's memory, Kent Stewart, a long-time LADOT employee. She's built the Santa Monica Pier, the Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, and most recently, LA City Hall accompanied by a DASH bus.

“City Hall was a must, of course, but it was a challenge because of the building’s complexity” says Susan.

When asked what makes her proud to be a member of the LADOT team, she says, “It’s great to be part of a world-class team delivering much-needed services and cutting-edge innovation to the residents and visitors of Los Angeles. I’ve worked in several different City departments, but by far the most interesting and creative place has been LADOT!”

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### **LADOT’s 2017 Strategic Plan Coming Soon!**

Staff should be proud that nearly 70% of the goals in the previous strategic plan were completed – a significant accomplishment! While some action items will roll over, the 2017 update will reaffirm the safety orientation of the department, and include a focus on new initiatives such as Vision Zero and the Transportation Technology Strategy.

Staff throughout the department has been working since May on the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. In addition to the Executive leadership, a working group comprised of nearly 80 staff members from across the department is working together to identify new action items. In addition, more than 500 staff members responded to a survey that was sent in July, and this input helped to inform the new plan. The working group will meet one more time in late September before the Plan’s release in mid-Fall.

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### **Watch: NEW Diagonal Crosswalk on Sylmar Ave. & Sylvan St.**

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